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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, Applicant is aware of the items of information listed in this Information Disclosure Statement and/or on the attached Form 1449, and call these items of information to the attention of the Examiner under the disclosure requirements.

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No fee for having the items of information listed in this <u>X</u> Information Disclosure Statement and/or on the attached Form 1449 considered is attached since this statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the aboveidentified application; within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491; or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) a copy of each patent, publication or other information listed is provided.

 $\,$  A listing of documents corresponding to the PTO-1449 form is as follows:

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The "\*" references are abstracts only.

Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

It is believed that the instant application includes claims which are patentably distinguishable from the art cited above and consideration and allowance of the claims is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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# COMMUNICATION REGARDING RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Dear Sir:

The following is a listing of related applications, which includes the present application:

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10678.7US01	Ronning	Self-Launching Encrypted Digital Information Dis- tribution System	6/7/95
10678.8US01	Ronning	System for Marking Data- bases to Identify Execu- tion of Software Program	•

10678.9US01	Ronning	System for Preventing Unauthorized Copying of Active Software Programs	6/7/95	
10678.10US01	Ronning	Central Database System for Automatic Software Program Sales	6/7/95	
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